the High School were located in the same building ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I am not aware.

Mr. T. SYED KHAJA PIRAN SAHIB.—Now that the building has been extended, why not the college be located there? If that be found inconvenient, why should not the Government secure a building on rent for the High School and make available the old building for holding the Intermediate College?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—As already stated, it is not possible to do anything within the short space of one month now.

Mr. G. S. SUBBA RAO.—Has not the Vice-Chancellor made a recommendation that an Intermediate College should be opened at Tumkur ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—I am not aware.

Mr. B. SITHARAMIAH.—Has not the District Board of Tumkur sent up a resolution that an Intermediate College be established at Tumkur ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. B. SITHARAMIAH.—Will the question be considered by Government sympathetically ?

Mr. J. APPAJI GOWDA.—The question as to where the Intermediate College should be located will be decided after the receipt of a report from the University.

Gold Mining Operations in Honnali Taluk.

Q.—31. Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA (Sorab Taluk).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that gold-mining operations will commence in Honnali Taluk in Shimoga District ;

(*b*) when will they commence ;

(*c*) whether this work will be undertaken by Government or any private company ;

(*d*) whether any estimate of income and expenditure to Government under this scheme has been prepared ?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).—

(*a*) Two licences to prospect for Gold have been granted in the Honnali Taluk.

(*b*) No mining lease has been granted.

(*c*) and (*d*) Does not arise.

Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.— Have prospecting licences been granted to any firm or to private individuals ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—They have been granted to two private persons.

Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.—Are they Mysoreans ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.—Were any conditions imposed at the time the licences were granted ? If so what are they ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—The licences are granted subject to the conditions enumerated in the rules framed for the purpose. A copy of the rules will be furnished to the member if necessary as it will not be possible to explain all the rules here as there are 30 to 40 clauses in the terms of agreement.

Mr GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGA.—Does prospecting entail any expenditure on Government ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—No.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Had licences been granted to anybody in the past for prospecting in the area ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Many years back, a licence had been granted.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—Had a licence been granted to the Indian Development Syndicate for the purpose ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—They had been given a licence for prospecting throughout the whole State.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—And they did some prospecting in the area under reference and gave it up ultimately, is it not ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—Yes.

Mr. Bhupalam R. CHANDRASEKHARAYYA.—If the present licence-holders are Mysoreans, will the Government be good enough to give them any special facilities which they might require ?

Mr. M. VENKATANARANAPPA.—If they make any such request, it will be considered.

Bridge over the Thunga River near Tirthahalli.

Q.—33. Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA (Tirthahalli Taluk):—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the estimate for the construction of a bridge across the Thunga River near Tirthahalli was first prepared and in what year;

(*b*) the amount of the estimate so prepared;

(*c*) whether any fresh estimate has been prepared in view of the existing conditions;

(*d*) the amount of the fresh estimate;

(*e*) whether the work is included in the programme of bridges;

(*f*) after the completion of how many bridges is this work proposed to be taken up;

(*g*) in how many years will this work be commenced;

(*h*) whether they have any idea of taking it up during the current year?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—

(*a*) In the year 1920.

(*b*) Rs. 1,71,120.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 2,75,000.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) There is no such proposal. Works are taken up as and when funds are available.

(*g*) This cannot be gauged.

(*h*) No; but the work can be taken up early if the Shimoga District Board and the Tirthahalli Municipal Council come forward to bear a portion of the cost.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—With reference to (*d*) what is the reason for the extra provision of nearly one lakh of rupees according to the fresh estimate?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—In the 1924 floods, the water level was very high and it was thought that the bridge to be constructed should be such as would safely withstand such floods.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Will the construction be taken up soon?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If the Shimoga District Board and the Tirthahalli Municipal Council are prepared to contribute their share, the work will be taken up soon.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Are not the Government aware that the Tirthahalli Municipal Council has been superseded and cannot therefore pay its quota?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Notice.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Are not the Government aware that the financial position of the Shimoga District Board does not permit of any quota being paid by the Board?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is why there has been delay in starting this work.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Shall we take it, then, that the scheme is altogether dropped?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—I cannot say that.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—In view of the fact that for many years we have been praying for the bridge, will the Government be pleased somehow to expedite the work?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Government have been considering the ways and means of doing so.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Is it not necessary to provide facilities for the people on the other side of the river to come to Tirthahalli?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—There is no difference of opinion about the desirability of providing the bridge.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Is it not possible to get a contribution for this work from outside?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—We tried, but did not succeed.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—Will any grant be provided for this